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SUBJECT: SOVIETS OFFER OIL TO FRENCH

REF: MOSCOW 15003

1. A FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELLOR (PROTECT STRICTLY) HAS REVEALED TO US THAT DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES ON EDGES OF Giscard VISIT, SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV OFFERED, AND THE FRENCH ACCEPTED, ALMOST DOUBLED SOVIET OIL DELIVERIES IN 1976. PATOLICHEV STRESSED THAT SOVIET UNION DOES NOT HAVE MUCH EXCESS OIL WHICH IT CAN PUT UP FOR SALE, AND IN ADDITION DOES NOT WANT TO WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH ARAB STATES IN THE OIL MARKET. HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT MOSCOW IS READY TO SELL OIL TO FRENCH IN ORDER TO BALANCE OUT TRADE IMBALANCE OF FF 1.5 BILLION IN 1975. OUR FRENCH SOURCE SAID THAT AS A RESULT FRENCH IMPORTS OF SOVIET OIL WILL PROBABLY RISE FROM 2.5 MILLION TONS IN 1975 TO 4 TO 4.5 MILLION TONS IN 1976. THIS TRANSACTION IS BASICALLY OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON ENERGY COOPERATION SIGNED DURING VISIT.

2. OUR SOURCE ADDED THAT PATOLICHEV WAS VISIBLELY DISTURBED BY U.S. REQUEST FOR A 15 PERCENT DISCOUNT ON OIL PURCHASES MADE DURING RECENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND REFERRED TO IT REPEATEDLY DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH.

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3. WE ARE REPORTING ON OTHER ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE GISCARD

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